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EDITORIAL.

Chester Barlow, editor of this magazine, passed away Thursday morning, November sixth, at the home of his uncle, Mr. W. W. Brown, near Mountain View, Santa Clara county. He had been seriously ill for some time, and the end, though feared by his friends, came rather suddenly.

His death will prove a great blow to his many friends, and to the science of Ornithology, which he followed with so much credit to himself, and advantage to his fellow men. Chester Barlow has done more to spread an interest in Ornithology and to stimulate bird study on the west coast than any one man, living or dead, and when this is fully realized, the fraternity at large will appreciate our loss.

A man of charming personality and generous character, Chester Barlow was universally loved, and in the hearts of his nearer friends he holds a quite unique place—one which time can never destroy. He had the power of inspiring confidence and enthusiasm, and stimulated others to better things. He thoroughly enjoyed his chosen hobby and either in the field or study was a delightful companion. Many are there of our Cooper Club "boys", who remember him plodding cheerily over hills in quest of eagles' eggs, or off at dawn for some early set, to whom the simple announce-

ment of his death will bring a nameless pang. He is gone, but so long as generous manhood and faithful friendship are cherished, so long will his memory be green among us.

The funeral was held Sunday, November ninth, from the home of his uncle, and many of his old friends of the Cooper Club were present to act as pall-bearers.

On November 14th a special business meeting was held at Stanford University, when Mr. Chas. R. Keyes of Berkeley was elected Secretary of the Club for the remainder of this year, and for 1903. At the same time Mr. Joseph Grinnell was elected Business Manager-Treasurer, his duties to begin at once.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.—Hereafter all manuscripts for publication, exchanges, and books for review should be mailed to Walter K. Fisher, Palo Alto, Cal. All communications of a business nature, such as subscriptions, dues, and advertisements should be sent to Joseph Grinnell, Palo Alto, Cal. Communications concerning the Club, not intended for publication, should be forwarded to Charles R. Keyes, 2201 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, Cal.

Our January issue will be a memorial number dedicated to the memory of Chester Barlow.

COMMUNICATIONS.**EDITOR of 'THE CONDOR':**

I wish to raise my voice of protest, feeble and ineffective though it may be, against what seems to me cruel indifference to and lack of genuine sympathy with bird life, on the part of some of the scientific ornithologists, and especially of those who are but little more than collectors of "specimens" for private exploitation.

There is no doubt that we need the work of certain students of bird anatomy for the sake of accuracy in nomenclature and classification; and we need a few collections no doubt of dead and stuffed birdskins for purposes of study and illustration in connection with scientific schools. But the unflinching, destructive disposition of some, even of the better class of collectors seems to me without excuse and abhorrent to the lover of life in Nature.

They would not think of killing, even in the Philippines, varying specimens of the genus *Homo*, merely for purposes of anatomical study, to embellish some museum or to settle a disputed point of faunal geography. And yet they have no hesitation in taking the lives of other animals, who are in some respects superior to themselves, for just such purposes of curiosity, or, what is worse, for merely selfish am-